

To Mayor Guthrie and Members of Guelph City Council,

My name is Christopher Lambert, and I'm a resident of Guelph. I'm writing in support of safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation options in Guelph ahead of the July 22 Council meeting.

I urge you to vote in favour of transitioning speed and red light camera enforcement to a local administrative penalty system. This change will help reduce dangerous driving, improve enforcement timelines, and align with Guelph's Vision Zero goals. Please also commit to expanding camera use in high-risk areas like school zones and major bike routes, and ensure the public has access to clear data about locations and outcomes.

I also support the goals of the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program and the redesign of St. George's Square. Please ensure this once-in-a-generation project includes protected cycling infrastructure, safe pedestrian-priority spaces, and wayfinding that is clear for everyone of all ages and abilities - that even if someone is visiting - they can intuitively tell which spaces are for pedestrians and which are for bicycles. Design choices should make it obvious where people should walk or cycle, including those using mobility devices or pushing strollers.

Additionally, I support the inclusion of bike parking at 343 Waterloo Avenue, but I encourage Council to take this further. Please standardize secure, covered, and accessible bike parking in all new developments, with space for non-standard bikes like cargo bikes, trailers, trikes, and adaptive cycles. Include e-bike charging and lighting where possible. These features are essential to making cycling a practical option for families, workers, and people with disabilities.

I use our city's cycling infrastructure daily for transportation to and from my office and in the evenings and weekends for recreation as a member of GCC and GORBA. I am happy to see all of the positive changes in my 20+ years here in Guelph and look forward to the future.

Thank you for your attention and for your work toward a safer, more connected Guelph.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lambert